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New York  
Aug 28<sup>th</sup> 1861

My dear friend  
Just mine of  
this morn'g through our  
friend in the department  
may miscany, I write  
a few lines to say that  
I advise you to remain  
at the house as long as  
possible, even if the bill  
is taken for military  
purposes - if so, officers  
of rank will be stationed  
there who will protect  
you - your presence will  
protect your property.



and if damage is done you  
must get a certificate of it  
from the commanding officer  
and the M. S. will pay it.

There may come a time  
when you must move  
but I hope not. Give  
my kind regards to  
Miss Barton and Florida  
— say to them, (perhaps)  
(once in a while) to yourself,  
"courage is virtue." My  
mother is getting better  
steadily. I am just  
beginning to recover from  
an attack of remittent  
fever, which I have had  
to unlearn from her.

Always

Your friend & sister

Mrs A. C. Clemens

The Grove.

Maryland

W. Lee